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SUBJECT: ERTS PROJECT

1. MR. JACK PALGEN, SENIOR SCIENTIST FOR EARTH SATELLITE CORP, BRIEFED AMBASSADOR BANDA-BAFIOT WEDNESDAY DEC. 19, CONCERNING PROPOSED U.S. PROJECT. AMB. BANDA-BAFIOT SEEMED VERY ENTHUSIASTIC AND FELT THE PROJECT WOULD BE WELL RECEIVED BY HIS GOVERNMENT. THE AMBASSADOR ASKED FOR A OFFICIAL LETTER FROM THE DEPARTMENT TO HIM CONCERNING THE PROJECT AND GIVING THE DATES OF ARRIVAL OF MR. PALGEN AND DR. S. BENEDICT LEVIN, EXEC. VICE PRES. EARTH SATELLITE CORP. DESK OFFICER TOLD AMB. THAT AID WAS STILL WORKING ON THE PROJECT BUT THAT WE WOULD PROVIDE HIM WITH THE DESIRED INFO ASAP.

2. ON THURSDAY, REPRESENTATIVES FROM ESC MET WITH AID TO IRON OUT THE DETAILS AND THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE ANY MAJOR PROBLEM AT THIS TIME. AID IS WORKING AS FAST AS POSSIBLE TO PROCESS THE PROPOSAL IN ORDER FOR PALGEN AND LEVIN TO ARRIVE BANGUI, JAN- 11.

3. WHILE WE ARE STILL UNABLE TO SEND CONFIRMATION OF AID APPROVAL, WE REALIZE THE SHORT TIME REMAINING REQUIRES YOU DISCUSS PROJECT WITH GOCAR. UPON RECEIPT OF PROPOSAL POUCHED YOU LAST WEEK, SUGGEST YOU APPROACH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS AND BEGIN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS. RUSH

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